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relatively rigid guide means having a proximal end and a distal end and curved between said ends to follow the airway of a patient to a distal-end location within the pharynx and adjacent the epiglottis and in an orientation such that an inserted elongate flexible instrument will be directionally guided toward the glottic opening upon inserted passage beyond the distal end of said guide means; and

flexibly deflectible epiglottis-lifting means hingedly connected to said guide means and normally poised across the guidance path for interception by insertional advance of the elongate flexible instrument, said

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epiglottis-lifting means being deflected by and out of the path of the advancing flexible instrument while also lifting the epiglottis out of the path of flexible-instrument advance to and through the glottic opening.

32. The tracheal-intubation device of claim 31, in which the elongate flexible instrument is an endotracheal tube.

33. The tracheal-intubation device of claim 31, in which the elongate flexible instrument is an element of an endoscopic-viewing device.

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